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Examiner: Deborah A. Davis

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED OCTOBER 8, 2002

Dear Examiner:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 8, 2002, please consider the following remarks.

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed October 8, 2002, the Examiner rejected claims 1-4, 8, and 11-18 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nasir et al., *Combinatorial Chemistry & High Throughput Screening* ("Nasir") in view of Dixon et al., U.S. Patent No. 4,835,100 ("Dixon"), rejected claims 5-7 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nasir, in view of Dixon, and in further view of Michel et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,741,654 ("Michel"), and